

# **DIANE M. RABSON**

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## **Professional Summary**

Professional archivist, oral historian, writer and photographer

## **Skills**

- Research and writing
- Oral history programming (interviewing, analog and digital transcription)
- Archival collection processing
- Documentary photography
- Microsoft Office
- Library and Archives Database Programs
- Transcription software

## **Experience**

**University of Colorado Law School**, Boulder, CO May 2013  
Process archival papers of electrical engineer

**Barco Library, The Cable Center**, Denver, CO 2009 to present  
Historical research for private firms

Digitize photographs, process archival collections and inventory cable television equipment

Wrote abstracts of oral history interviews and biographies of cable industry pioneers.

**The History Factory**, Chantilly, VA 2010-2012

Conducted and compiled research on history of cable television

**National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)**, Seattle, WA  
2009-2010

Edited transcriptions of oral history interviews with atmospheric and fisheries scientists.

**Maria Rogers Oral History Program, Carnegie Branch, Boulder Public Library,**  
Boulder, CO 2008 to present

Develop, plan, conduct, and transcribe oral history interviews that illuminate the history of Boulder County, Colorado

## **Photography**

**Co-Director, Changing Denver: Rephotographing Downtown 1978-1979, 2009-present**

Rephotographed 215 Denver street corners that were documented in 1937 by the WPA and by me in 1978-1979. Research history of Denver's business district as it changed over 75 years.

**Author, Love Letter to the Railroad Yards, 2012**  
Published photographs of Denver railyards circa 1976-1978

## **Archivist**

**University Corporation for Atmospheric Research, Boulder, CO 1989 to 2008**

- Collected, appraised and preserved archival records, photographs, films, scientific data
- Developed policies and procedures for collection development, cataloging and preservation techniques
- Managed two unique, heavily-used oral history projects to define, clarify and preserve the recent history of the atmospheric sciences through recorded interviews
- Coordinated interviews, transcribed, accessioned, cataloged, and preserved audio and video recordings
- Researched and wrote articles in staff publication covering institutional origins, military meteorology, women's issues, scientific field projects, and the architecture of the laboratory. The articles were used and cited extensively by historians and scholars.
  - Example: <http://www.ucar.edu/communications/staffnotes/9802/here.html>
- Lectured at conferences, presented papers and wrote articles for archival and research organizations about the history of UCAR, the uses of oral history in science, and specific scientific collections
- Fielded research requests from staff, scholars and historians concerning all aspects of institutional and scientific history

- Collaborated on major institutional exhibits: designing, planning, research and writing
- Negotiated significant acquisition of models, architectural drawings and photographs from I. M. Pei's firm for archives and exhibit

### **Associate Curator of Photography**

#### **Colorado Historical Society 1980-1985**

- Assisted historians, students and the public in the research and uses of historic photographs and oral history collections
- Researched, designed and produced major exhibitions pertaining to Colorado history
- Developed and taught workshops on children's photography and preservation of family photographs
- Wrote and published articles related to exhibits and workshops
- Advised regional historical societies and small museums on collection and preservation of historic photographs

### **Locomotive Fireman**

#### **Denver and Rio Grande Western Railroad, Pueblo and Minturn, CO 1978-1979**

- First woman fireman on Pueblo Subdivision
- Ran helper engines from Minturn to Tennessee Pass and return
- Hostled engines at Pueblo roundhouse
- Ran switch engines in Pueblo yards

### **Professional Organizations**

- Oral History Association
- Society of American Archivists (SAA)
- American Geophysical Union

### **Education**

B.A., State University of New York at Binghamton, English Literature  
Metropolitan State College, Denver, CO, Fine Arts